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50/17. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/4 of 22 October 1982, 38/4 of 28 October 1983, 39/7 of 8 November 1984, 40/4 of 25 October 1985, 41/3 of 16 October 1986, 42/4 of 15 October 1987, 43/2 of 17 October 1988, 44/8 of 18 October 1989, 45/9 of 25 October 1990, 46/13 of 28 October 1991, 47/18 of 23 November 1992, 48/24 of 24 November 1993 and 49/15 of 15 November 1994,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 17 October 1995 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, 1/

Taking into account the desire of both organizations to cooperate more closely in the political, economic, social, humanitarian, cultural and technical fields and in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights and economic and technical development,

Recalling also the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage the activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

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1/ A/50/573.

Noting the strengthening of cooperation between the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions,

Noting also the encouraging progress made in the nine priority areas of cooperation, as well as in the identification of other areas of cooperation,

Convinced that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Taking into account the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace", 2/ in particular section VII, concerning cooperation with regional arrangements and organizations, and the "Supplement to An Agenda for Peace", 3/

Noting with appreciation the determination of both organizations to strengthen further the existing cooperation by developing specific proposals in the designated priority areas of cooperation, as well as in the political field,

Welcoming the results of the coordination meeting of focal points of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions, held at Geneva from 19 to 21 June 1995,

Welcoming also the meeting held at United Nations Headquarters on 1 August 1994 between the Secretary-General and heads of the regional and other organizations, including the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

2. Takes note of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the coordination meeting of focal points of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions;

3. Notes with satisfaction the active participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the work of the United Nations towards the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

4. Requests the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to continue cooperation in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights, social and economic development and technical cooperation;

2/ A/47/277-S/24111.

3/ A/50/60-S/1995/1.

5. Welcomes the proposals of the coordination meeting of focal points of the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to strengthen cooperation between the two organizations in a number of different areas and to review the ways and means for enhancing the actual mechanisms of such cooperation;

6. Welcomes also the efforts of the secretariats of the two organizations to strengthen cooperation between them in the political field and to undertake consultations with a view to defining the mechanisms of such cooperation;

7. Welcomes further the periodic high-level meetings between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, as well as between senior secretariat officials of the two organizations;

8. Encourages the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to continue to expand their cooperation with the Organization of the Islamic Conference, particularly by negotiating cooperation agreements, and invites them to multiply the contacts and meetings of the focal points for cooperation in priority areas of interest to the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

9. Urges the organizations of the United Nations system, especially the lead agencies, to provide increased technical and other forms of assistance to the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions in order to enhance cooperation;

10. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

11. Also expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his initiative to convene a meeting of heads of regional organizations on 1 August 1994, and looks forward to similar meetings in the future;

12. Recommends that, in order to enhance cooperation and for the purpose of review and appraisal of progress, a general meeting between representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions should take place in 1996, and every two years thereafter;

13. Also recommends that coordination meetings of focal points of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions should henceforth be held concurrently with the general meeting;

14. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Secretary-General in the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and expresses the hope that he will continue to strengthen the mechanisms of coordination between the two organizations;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the state of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

16. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference".

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